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TO AMEMBASSY MUSCAT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MU

SUBJECT: ARMS FOR OMAN - JORDANIAN INTEREST

1. WHILE IN AMMAN, SAF COMMANDER PERKINS GAVE LETTER TO JORDANIAN CHIEF OFSTAFF BIN SHAKIR ACCEPTING KING HUSSEIN'S OFFER TO PERKINS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING WEAPONS DESIRED FROM U.S. PERKINS WROTE, "ACCORDINGLY I NOW MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST FOR YOU TO ASK IF WE COULD PURCHASE BETWEEN NOW AND 1 SEPT 1975 THE FOLLOWING: A. ARMALITE M16 AI - 375 WITH SPARES SCALING FOR TWO YEARS; B. 5.56 AMMUNITION - INITIAL PURCHASE OF 500,000 ROUNDS; C. M79 GRENADE LAUNCHER - 250; D. AMMUNITION - INITIAL PURCHASE OF 18,000 HE AND 2000 PRACTISE." PERKINS FURTHER INDICATES M203 GRENADE LAUNCHER WOULD PROBABLY BE ACCEPTABLE IF M79 NOT AVAILABLE.

2. USG PREFERS DEAL DIRECTLY WITH GOVT. OF OMAN ON OMANI WEAPONS REQUESTS.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY SHOULD VERIFY WHETHER ABOVE REQUEST BY PERKINS THROUGH BIN SHAKIR AND KING HUSSEIN CONSTITUTES REQUEST BY GOVT. OF OMAN TO USG. SUGGEST EMBASSY CONTACT PERKINS DIRECTLY, AND/OR SPECIAL ARMS ADVISOR NAGLE AND ADVISE THAT BEST APPROACH FOR BOTH M16 AND M203 PURCHASE IS THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNEL, DIRECTLY FROM MANUFACTURER OF BOTH, COLT. PRICE OF M16 ABOUT \$150 EACH. WE UNDERSTAND READILY AVAILABLE. PRICE OF M203S ABOUT \$100 EACH. PRICE OF HE ROUNDS ABOUT \$8 EACH, PRACTICE ROUNDS ABOUT \$3.50 EACH. NO INFO ON AVAILABILITY. INGERSOLL

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